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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT US EMBASSY

AS PER EARLY PRESS REPORTS HERE A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE DEMOCRATIC UNION OF CYPRIOT STUDENTS MET OCT 30, 1974 AT 1800 HOURS AT ATHENS UNIVERSITY. AFTER HEARING SPEECHES FAVORING RETURN OF MAKARIOS TO CYPRUS THE DEMONSTRATORS FORMED UP AND BEGAN MARCHING AT 1900 HOURS TOWARD THE US EMBASSY; CALLED THE "EMBASSY OF DEATH".

AT 2100 HOURS THE DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERING 2,000 ARRIVED WITHIN 40 YARDS OF U.S. EMBASSY WHERE A LARGE CONTINGENT OF GREEK POLICE HELD THEM BACK. AS PER ARRANGEMENT A STUDENT DELEGATION NUMBERING FIVE AND TWO PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE PERMITTED TO PASS THROUGH THE POLICE LINES AND PRESENTED A PETITION, ADDRESSED TO THE "ATHENS AMERICAN EMBASSY" TO THE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER 'CONSTANTINE SIORIS, DEMONSTRATORS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO BREAK THROUGH POLICE LINES SUPPOSEDLY IN ORDER TO HAVE PRESS PHOTOS TAKEN SHOWING THEM PARADING PASS THE U.S. EMBASSY AND POLICE INSISTED DEMONSTRATORS NOT PARADE FURTHER AS PER ARRANGEMENTS EARLIER IN DAY WITH ORGANIZERS OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATION. STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED PEACEFULLY AT 2200 HOURS.

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POLICE CONTINGENT FACING DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERED BETWEEN 400-500 - MANY
OFFICERS INCLUDED - STOOD QUIETLY FIRM AND TOOK NO HARSH MEASURES
AGAINST STUDENTS, NO ARRESTS REPORTED AND NO STUDENTS WERE PERMITTED
BEYOND POLICE LINES. CONCURRENTLY THERE WERE LARGE CONTINGENTS
OF POLICE IN RESERVE BEHIND THE US EMBASSY AND ALSO AT
AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM
US EMBASSY.

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